## STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS	}
Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and Shelby, Illinois.	} } } } } Docket No. 12-0598 } } } }

## DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ANDREW ROBINETTE ON REHEARING

Now comes Andrew Robinette, and after first being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says:

- Q. Please state you name and address.
- A. Andrew Robinette, 295 DeLong Road, Waverly, Illinois 62629.
- Q. On whose behalf are you testifying in this proceeding:
- **A.** I am testifying on behalf of myself and my spouse, Stacy Robinette (collect vely "The Robinette Family").
- Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
- A. The purpose of my testimony is to offer reasons as to why I oppose ATXI's Meredosia to Pawnee Alternate Route. My residence at 295 DeLong Road, Waverly, Illinois 62692) ("Robinette Real Estate") is located adjacent to DeLong Road, between Pitchford Road and the Nortonville Blacktop. See <a href="http://www.ilriverstransmission.com/maps">http://www.ilriverstransmission.com/maps</a> for location of the Robinette Real Estate located directly on the ATXI's Meredosia to Pawnee Alternate Route. The Robinette Real Estate is located adjacent to and directly west of DeLong Road, between Pitchford Road and the Nortonville Blacktop.
- Q. Have you previously testified before the Illinois Commerce Commission:
- A. Yes. Written testimony was previously submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission.
- Q. Why are you opposed to ATXI's Meredosia to Pawnee Alternate Route and do you have a proposed alternate route?
- A. The Robinette Family opposes the Alternate Route between Meredosia and Pawnee. On February 13, 2013, the Robinette Family filed a proposed modification to the Alternative Route as detailed in the INTERVENOR ALTERNATE ROUTE PROPOSAL OF ANDREW ROBINETTE AND STACY ROBINETTE ("Intervenor Alternate Route"). (See Exhibit (a)1 attached hereto).

The reasons for the Robinette Family's opposition to the Alternative Route between Meredosia and Pawnee (and in particular on DeLong Road between Pitchford Road and the Nortonville Blacktop ("DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route") are as follows:

- 1) Decrease in Property Value: The Robinette Family recently built a residence on DeLong Road and the value of this residence would decrease, at a minimum, from 6.5 to 20% with the use of the DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route. The Robinette Family has planned a total investment of \$685,000.00 in the Robinette Real Estate. To date, the Robinette Family has invested approximately \$635,000.00 in the Robinette Real Estate. The transmission line will have a huge impact on the aesthetics and quality of I fe in the area and the ability to sell the Robinette Real Estate for an amount that at least equals the amount invested by the Robinette Family. The basis of my estimated decrease in value is based upon the information included in Exhibits 1-4 attached hereto.
- 2) Limited Land Usage. The transmission line on the front portion (east side) of the Robinette Real Estate along DeLong Road would severely limits the owners' ability to build on, or use, the east side of the Robinette Real Estate.
- 3) Safety Concerns. The only access to the Robinette Real Estate would be by driving under the massive transmission lines. There is a severe risk of electrocution or burns if the transmission line is downed or compromised due to a tornado, wind storm o ice storm. There are numerous health risks associated with the electromagnetic field sho off from the massive transmission lines.
- 4) Better Options. The Intervenor's Alternate Route allows the transmission line to run from Pitchford Road to the Nortonville Blacktop without any interference with residential real estate. The Intervenor's Alternate Route eliminates the issues detailed in A-C above.

## Q. What are the benefits of the Intervenor's Alternate Route, as opposed to the DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route?

A. Length of Line. The Intervenor's Alternate Route is approximately one mile in length. The DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route is approximately one and one-half miles in length. Because the Intervenor's Alternate Route is shorter, the construction, operation and maintenance costs of the Intervenor's Alternate Route would be less.

Impacts on Environment. Construction of the DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route would result in the Robinette Family walking, running, moving or driving under the high voltage line several times per day. Other residents along DeLong Road, being two families, would be subjected to the same exposure to the high voltage line. This exposure of the Robinette Family and other families along DeLong Road is eliminated with the Intervenor's Alternate Route. No one will be subjected to crossing under this route multiple times per day.

Use of the Intevenor's Alternate Route removes the proposed high voltage ine from the immediate sight lines of those traveling in either direction along DeLong Road between Pitchford and the Nortonville Blacktop. The daily traffic count along this stretch of road is approximately 50 vehicles. Additionally, occupants of these vehicles would be subjected to less exposure to the high voltage lines if such lines travel the Intevenor's Alternate Route and not the DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route.

Social and Land Use Impacts. The DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Black op Route would severely limit the Robinette Family's (and other families residing alc ng DeLong Road) use of their property because of the ever presence of the high voltage line.

The high voltage line will result in less physical and leisure activities on their property simply due to the presence of the high voltage line and the potential health impact and concerns from exposure to the high voltage line. Use of the Intervenor's Alternate Route eliminates this concern.

The Intervenor's Alternate Route runs across crop land; not directly affecting any residents.

Number of Affected Landowners and Structures. There are three family households located within 200 feet of the proposed high voltage line to be located along the DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route. Along this same route are three family residential structures located within 200 feet of the proposed high voltage line. The Intevenor's Alternate Route has no family households and no residential structures within 200 feet of the high voltage line to be constructed along this route. There are no nonresidential structures located within 200 feet of the high voltage line to be constructed along the Intevenor's Alternate Route.

Community Acceptance. There have been no objections filed to the Inteveror's Alternate Route.

- Q. What are your conclusions regarding the location of the ATXI's Meredosia to Pawnee Alternate Route, and more specifically, the DeLong/Pitchford/Nortonville Blacktop Route?
- A. The location of the Meredosia to Pawnee Alternate Route would have a devastating impact on the Robinette Family Real Estate due to: safety hazardous; adverse environmental impact; access issues; limitations on building options; and a severe decrease in property values. These problems may be avoided by use of the Primary Route as currently proposed for Morgan County, or, in the alternative, use of the Intervenor Alternate Route, as detailed in the INTERVENOR ALTERNATE ROUTE PROPOSAL OF ANDREW ROBINETTE AND STACY ROBINETTE, filed herein on February 13, 2013.
- Q. Does this complete your testimony?

A. Yes.

Andrew Robinette

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I, Kevin N. McDermott, being an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Ill nois, and the attorney for Andrew Robinette and Stacy Robinette, herewith certify that I did on the 20th day of October, 2013, electronically file with the Illinois Commerce Commission, the **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ANDREW ROBINETTE ON REHEARING**, and electronically served same upon the persons identified on the Commissions' service list.

Bv.

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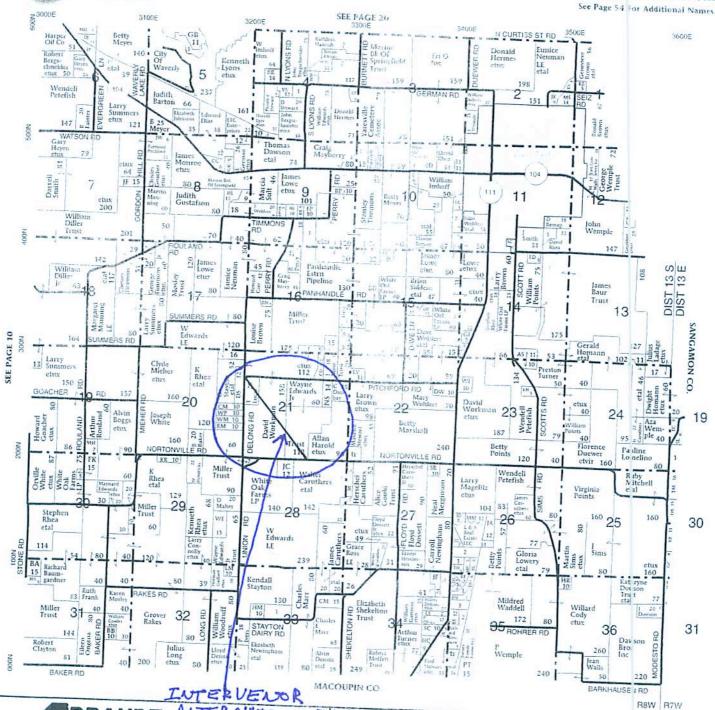
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